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Burmaster presents awards at state education convention

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster joined members of the Wisconsin associations of School Boards, School District Administrators, and School Business Officials at their combined convention in Milwaukee on Wednesday, Jan. 18, to recognize nine exceptional educators for their outstanding service to Wisconsin students, schools, and communities.

"Our strong schools and successful students are the product of quality teaching and decisions made locally by parents, educators, and locally elected school board members—the people who are closest to their schools," said Burmaster. "I am honored to have this opportunity to thank them for their tremendous commitment to education, and to present these awards. It is a privilege for us to recognize the outstanding achievements of these nine exceptional educators who, in their service to our students, schools, and communities, represent the excellence for which Wisconsin education is known."

The Teacher of the Year program recognizes instructional leadership and the ability to inspire and motivate students. The Elementary Teacher of the Year is Mary Feldt, physical education teacher at the Waupaca Learning Center. Wisconsin's Middle School Teacher of the Year is Edith Krueger, a seventh-grade social studies and language arts teacher at Stanley-Boyd Middle School. The Special Services Teacher of the Year is Anne Marie Reece, a special education teacher at Converse Elementary in Beloit. The High School Teacher of the Year is Linda Gabby, an English teacher at Wauwatosa East High School.

The Wisconsin Principal of the Year program each year honors a principal from an elementary, middle, and high school. The Elementary Principal of the Year is Steve Greenquist of Palmyra-Eagle Elementary School. The Middle Level Principal of the Year is Jon Fleming, Principal of Shattuck and Horace Mann Middle schools in Neenah. The High School Principal of the Year is Terry Fondow of Green Bay East High School.

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The School Business Official of the Year award was created to acknowledge and recognize the value of the services provided by Wisconsin's school business administrators. Each year an outstanding individual is selected from those nominated to represent the many that practice their profession in an exemplary manner. The School Business Official of the Year is Shawn Yde of the Whitefish Bay School District.

The Superintendent of the Year award is awarded by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators for outstanding school district leadership and advancement of the profession. The Superintendent of the Year is Dan Nerad, superintendent of the Green Bay Area Public School District.